

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS

## DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS

**Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates**

On October 2, 2019, Blue Granite Water Company ("Blue Granite" or the "Company") filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an application requesting authority to adjust its rate schedules and to increase its rates ("Application"). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712(4)(A) and 103-512(4)(A).

In its Application, the Company states that recent major capital projects needed to improve service to customers, increases in costs for third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment, increases in property taxes related to capital investment, and updates to depreciation rates, have made it necessary to request a net increase in retail revenues. The Company has invested approximately \$23 million in its water and wastewater infrastructure since the last rate case, filed in November 2017. Blue Granite's request includes a one-time credit to customers resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in the amount of \$10.64. Blue Granite also proposes to implement annual rate adjustment procedures for Purchased Water Charges and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Charges, and for authority to continue to defer the Company's purchased water and wastewater treatment expenses (above or below the amounts reflected in rates) caused by changes in third party provider rates, until such expenses are reflected in rates. The Company also makes other requests in its Application, including seeking authority to defer costs related to the decommissioning of certain assets, to establish a storm reserve fund, to include in its tariff the treatment of taxes on contributions in aid of construction, to change its pumping charge for solids interceptor tanks to reflect actual costs, and to implement an opt-in "Round Up" program to assist customers in need.

Blue Granite seeks to recover additional annual revenues resulting from third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment, as well as revenues resulting primarily from investments in infrastructure needed to serve customers, for a total requested annual revenue increase of \$11,731,803. This results in an annual revenue increase for Service Territory 1 Water of \$3,636,850, for Service Territory 2 Water of \$1,939,107, and for Consolidated Sewer of \$6,155,846. Blue Granite also proposes to separately bill for and receive annual revenues to recover third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment costs.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Public Service Commission, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and Commission Order Nos. 2019-804, 2019-830, 2019-831, 2019-825, 2019-827 and 2019-829, has scheduled public hearings in response to the above referenced docket. The following hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the locations as follows:

**Monday, January 27, 2020, Town of Lexington Municipal Complex, Conference Center, 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC 29072**

**Thursday, January 30, 2020, at the Irmo Municipal Building, 7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, South Carolina 29063.**

**Monday, February 3, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – Union City Hall, 101 Sharpe Avenue, Union, SC 29379**

**Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – Anderson County Council Chambers, 101 S. Main Street, Anderson, SC 29624**

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – Greenville County Council Chambers, 301 University Ridge, Suite 2400, Greenville, SC 29601**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – CSD Community YMCA, 5485 Charlotte Highway, Clover, SC 29710**

Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the above named Docket may do so at these hearings. Individuals shall be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentations. To testify as a public witness, you must print your name legibly on the Sign-In Sheet available at the hearing location and indicate that you wish to testify. All testimony will be given under oath and entered into the record of the case, subject to objection by the parties.

Please note that the commissioners will be present to listen to your testimony and statements regarding the above named Docket; however, the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits the commissioners from answering questions regarding the above named Docket or discussing these cases with you individually.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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